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FIRST BLOOD IN WAR TO HANKOW

KWANGSI ADVANCE

NANKING UNITS OUTFLANKED AND DEFEATED

CHIANG TO GO TO THE FRONT

First blood in the latest China War has gone, unexpectedly, to the Kwangsi faction whose troops have, after the initial victory, invaded Nanking territory.

Yet another setback for Nanking is the probable neutrality—tantamount to defection—of an ally in Kiangsi.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, head of the National Government at Nanking, has made up his mind to fight and is leaving for the front with a bodyguard of about 1,000 trusted warriors.

By means of forced marches, Kwangsi troops from Hankow were rushed to Lotien, in the extreme east of Hupeh province, which point had been threatened by an advance of pro-Nanking troops under Generals Hsia Tou-yin and Tsao Wen-shun from their base in the west of Anhui province.

Outflanking their opponents, the Kwangsi units won the initial victory of the war and pushed on to Yingshan (having entered Nanking territory in Anhui), where a second engagement was fought and the Kwangsi vanguard consolidated its gains.

The second batch of casualties from this front (north of the Yangtze River) has been brought into Nanking.

Meanwhile reserves at Anking, on the Yangtze River, 163 miles above Nanking, have been rushed forward to Yingshan to stem the tide if possible.

War Officially Declared
Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has definitely committed himself to hostilities and has officially declared war by ordering three subordinate attacks on Hupeh and Hunan provinces, held by the Kwangsi faction.

The "Nam Keung Po" says that Chiang Kai-shek will make his field headquarters at Anking, but Reuter (see below) reports that he is pushing on to Kiukiang, 89 miles further up the River (i.e., nearer the danger zone).

Chiang Kai-shek's staff and bodyguard of 1,000 strong is made up mostly of Cadees.
Having given the order to mobilize, he called a secret council of war in Nanking.

He has ordered General Mau Pei-nan (commanding the Cantonese anti-Kwangsi "Ironclads") to bring all his men into the front line, Hsia Tou-yin (who suffered the reverse mentioned in the foregoing) and General Chu Pei-teh, the Governor of Kiangsi province, have been ordered to march on Hankow in the punitive expedition.

News from Hankow, via Chinese sources in Shanghai, is that General Chu Pei-teh, who has about 20,000 Yunnanese Nationalists under him, will not fight. The reason suggested is that his "No. 2," General Wang Chun, is in sympathy with Kwangsi faction in Hankow and, therefore, the "No. 1" (Chu Pei-teh) is anxious as to his own position. This report adds that Chu Pei-teh has already declared for neutrality, using the four characters "Fao Ching An Min" (meaning "I will preserve my own sphere and thereby maintain peace for my people").

This phrase was used, the "China Mail" political correspondent writes, by ex-Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, then the ruler of five provinces. By a coincidence, it was Kiangsi province which was threatened then as it is now. Sun Chuan-fang was the ally of the Northerners against the Nationalists. And, because of his hesitation at Hankow to deal first with the Northerners and then with him, Sun Chuan-fang lost everything!

Canton Still Busy

In contradiction of this "news from Hankow, via Shanghai Chinese sources," however, comes the claim that General Chu Pei-teh has already committed himself to fighting as an ally of Nanking because he has accepted Chiang Kai-shek's appointment of director-in-chief of operations on the left (southern) front.

If Chu Pei-teh exerts himself in the interests of peace, he

MONTE CARLO

POLITICAL CRISIS IN MONACO

ELECTIONS—POSTPONED

Monte Carlo, Yesterday.
A constitutional crisis in the Principality of Monaco has resulted in postponement of the general elections, reaching its climax in a collision between the police and a party of demonstrators who went to the Palace to demand an audience of the Prince of Monaco.

Forty police were drawn up to prevent the delegates' entry, and fired their revolvers into the air. The delegates replied by beating the police with sticks, and eventually forced an entry into the Palace. The Chief of Police was injured in the scuffle.

The delegates' resolution failed however when the Prince refused to see them, whereupon they left quietly.

The Prince later issued a declaration that the elections would be held in June.

The trouble originally arose following a dispute between the Casino and the public authorities over the management of the watering place, as a result of which the National and Communal Councils resigned.

Agitation Revived

The issue of a proclamation cancelling the manifesto announcing the elections in June has led to the recrudescence of the agitation.—Reuter.

ought be able to sway the balance.

Canton is still busily preparing for a march northwards against Chiang Kai-shek if the southern ultimatum (demanding the release of Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton in three days) is not complied with.

Steps have been devised, by co-operation of the Government, bankers and merchants, to prevent a financial crisis through a run on the Central Bank, whose note issue is now to be kept buoyant by artificial means.

The War Zones

Shanghai, To-day.

It is reliably reported that severe fighting has broken out in the vicinity of the boundary between the north of Hupeh province (the Kwangsi faction's side) and the north of Anhui province (the Nanking faction's side); also to the south of the Yangtze River, in the vicinity of the boundary between Hunan province (the Kwangsi faction's side) and Kiangsi province (the Nanking faction's side).

The fighting on the Hunan-Kiangsi frontier was near Wantai and Tungkuhsien.

Forty of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's military staff left Nanking for Kiukiang (the port of Kiangsi, on the Yangtze) this afternoon.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the head of the Nanking faction (and, therefore, of the National Government) is expected to leave Nanking for Kiukiang today.—Reuter.

[In Hupeh and in Hunan, the Kwangsi armies are attempting to hold up the advance of the pro-Nanking troops. None of the pro-Nanking troops engaged so far belongs directly to Chiang Kai-shek's command. Those in action, i.e., the advance guard, are Ironclads, Tsao Wan-shun's 11th division and the Yunnanese of the original 3rd Nationalist Army in Kiangsi, all of which units have personal quarrels with the Kwangsi-ites.]

Hankow Confident

Hankow, Yesterday.
The Kwangsi authorities here appear to be confident as to the issue between them and Nanking; and Hankow remains quiet.—British Naval Wireless.

Shanghai, To-day.

The whereabouts of General Pei Tsung-hsi are uncertain.—Reuter.

[This General, one of the "big four" of the Kwangsi faction, after escaping from the North-East where four divisions previously taken over from opponents deserted him in the crisis, has been stated to have arrived at Hankow, at Osaka in Japan, and has even been rumored to be in Canton.]

Japan's Precautions

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Owing to the anticipated outbreak of disturbances along the Yangtze River between Nanking and Hankow (a stretch of nearly 400 miles), the Japanese Naval authorities have decided to despatch the minelayer "Tokawa" and three destroyers to Shanghai. These warships will probably be sailing for China on March 27.—Reuter.

"BORROWING NOTE"

ACTION ON DOCUMENT DATED JAN. 16, 1921

CHINESE DRUGGISTS SUED

Being the outcome, it is alleged, of transactions between the parties before, events of 1921 were mentioned in the Supreme Court this morning when his Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) sat in original jurisdiction in a case which commenced in 1927.

Plaintiff is Lag Ting-on, of No. 80, Third-street, 2nd floor, gentleman, head of the King On Tong. Defendants are the Ma Pak Leung firm, No. 310, Queen's-road Central, druggists.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley) was for plaintiffs. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. d'Almada & Mason) were for defendants.

Five Defences

The claim alleges defendants to be makers of a promissory note dated January 16, 1921, for \$2,000, in favour of the King On Tong family, repayable at the end of 12 months, which defendants failed to repay. In the alternative, plaintiff claimed the \$2,000 as being money lent by himself or the King On Tong to defendants and the further sum of \$1,798 interest for 62 Chinese months at one per cent. per month—making a total claim of \$4,698.

In his opening, Mr. Jenkin referred to the five separate defences raised, as follows:—

A denial that defendants made the note.

That the note is not a promissory note.

That the note was not properly stamped when the action was brought.

A denial that the money was lent.

That the action is barred by the Statute of Limitations.

Twelve Branches

Plaintiff is a member of a family long, like many others (said Mr. Jenkin), to run an ancestral estate. Defendants are very well-known purveyors of Chinese drugs and medicines.

One of the main issues, Mr. Jenkin added, was—Is the Hong Kong "Ma Pak Leung" a branch of the "Ma Pak Leung" in Canton?

Defendants appear to have their head office in Fatsan, Mr. Jenkin continued, distilleries at Fati (a suburb of Canton) and Miao, and twelve branches at Canton, Fatsan, Swatow, Macao, Singapore, Sourabaya, and Shanghai.

It is alleged that there were transactions precedent to that mentioned in the note. That note was given to plaintiff in Canton, said Mr. Jenkin, and is therefore assumed to have been made in Canton.

Objection on Stamping

When Mr. Jenkin handed the note to his Lordship (as an incident in his opening and not as "putting in evidence"), Mr. Alabaster asked his Lordship to note an objection that the note had not been properly stamped when the action was commenced. His Lordship replied that Mr. Alabaster could argue later when Mr. Jenkin "put it in." At present the note would not be marked as an exhibit.

At another stage his Lordship asked Mr. Alabaster if he (counsel) was raising the point that his Lordship "had anticipated might have been raised from the time he came to Hong Kong," namely, that a Chinese "borrowing note" is not a promissory note within the definition of the Ordinance. Mr. Alabaster said that he was not saying that all Chinese borrowing notes were "bad," but that this one was. The case is continuing.

BIG FLIGHT

SPAIN TO S. AMERICA NON-STOP

Seville, Yesterday.

The airman, Captains Jimenez and Anglesas, flying in the "Jesus del Gran Poder," in which they flew to Basra last year, have started on a non-stop flight to South America.—Reuter.

Sir Gilbert Clayton, the new High Commissioner for Iraq, accompanied by Lady Clayton and Captain A. P. N. Thorowood, private secretary, left London to assume his post at Bagdad.

IMPRESSIVE SCENES IN PARIS

FOCH'S FUNERAL

BODY REMOVED TO CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME

TROOPS LEAVE LONDON

Paris, Yesterday.
The body of Marshal Foch, escorted by a troop of cavalry bearing torches, was moved last night from the Arc de Triomphe to the Cathedral of Notre Dame in readiness for to-morrow's funeral.

The scene was most impressive, immense crowds lining the route. A deathly silence prevailed, only broken by the clatter of horses' hooves, and the clash of arms as the troops came to the "Present."

The coffin was placed in the Chapelle Ardente, where Madame Foch and her children remained praying amid the silence of the Cathedral.

Public's Interest

The police, in a communique, state that 350,000 people filed past the bier yesterday and it is estimated that 750,000 were unable to get near.

The crowd recommended filing past the bier in Notre Dame Cathedral at 6 a.m., and 50,000 passed the bier in an hour.—Reuter.

From London to Paris

London, Yesterday.
The Prince of Wales, who is to represent the King at the funeral of Marshal Foch to-morrow, left London this afternoon for Paris. The troops who are to represent the British Army at the funeral also left London to-day. They consisted

SOME RAIN!

This morning's weather report states:—

The Bonins anticyclone has dispersed. The other is central to the East of Vladivostok.

Depressions are shown over the Eastern Sea, and over North Indo-China.

Forecast:—S.E. or variable winds, moderate, generally overcast; some rain and fog.

of the band of the Coldstream Guards, 2 officers and 50 other ranks of the Third Battalion Coldstream Guards and 2 officers and 16 men and 4 pipers chosen from the London Scottish, the first Territorial battalion to land in France in the Great War.

The Royal Air Force were also represented by a detachment of two officers and 20 other ranks.

Later in the day, several distinguished officers also left London to attend the funeral. They included Field Marshal Sir George Milne, who will be a pall-bearer with Lord Methuen, Lord Cavan, Viscount Allenby, Sir Claud Jacob and General Hutchinson representing the Army, Admiral Lord Wester Wemyss and Vice-Admiral Haggard representing the Navy and chief Air-Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard representing the Air Force.

Lord Plumer also left for Paris yesterday.

A Graceful Reply

M. Painleve, the French War Minister, has sent the following reply to the message of Sir Laming Worthington Evans, the British War Minister, on the occasion of the death of Foch:

"The French army is profoundly moved by the feeling that the British Army is united with it in mourning the loss of one who, in the double rôle of Marshal of France and British Field-Marshal, lent himself together to victory. Pray you convey to the British Army the heartfelt thanks of its brothers in arms who faithfully preserve the memory of its indomitable courage and generous loyalty in their common struggle.—British Wireless Service."

LOCAL CEREMONY

Two Wreaths Laid at the Cenotaph

A simple but nevertheless impressive ceremony was performed at the Cenotaph this morning when wreaths in memory of Field-Marshal Ferdinand Foch were laid by the British Legion and the Ex-Active Service Men's Association.

About 30 members of the two organisations gathered under the verandah of the Supreme Court and, promptly at 9.30 a.m., they formed up in two and advanced to the foot of the Cenotaph, headed by Lieut.

FIRE INSURANCE CO.

REFERENCE TO LOCAL HOTEL DISASTER

WORST SINCE JAN. 1, 1925

References to the disaster at the King Edward Hotel were made today at the 60th annual meeting of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, held in the company's offices, Pedder-street.

Mr. B. D. F. Beith (Chairman) presided. He was supported by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, and Mr. T. E. Pearce (members of the Consulting Committee) and Mr. H. W. Moon (acting Secretary). Shareholders present were the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Messrs. Ho Leung, D. Y. Stevenson, J. Hennessey, Seth, E. M. Raymond, G. V. Osmund, C. Savard Remedios, and M. H. Lo.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Death of Mr. H. P. White

The Chairman then presented his address as follows:—
Gentlemen,—Before commencing the business of this meeting, I wish to record the deep regret of your general managers and consulting committee at the death of Mr. H. P. White which occurred on the 28th of last month. Mr. White first took his seat on the consulting committee in the year 1905 and during the subsequent period of 24 years he devoted much care and attention to the welfare of this company.

"Highly Successfully"

The result of our operations for the year 1927, now under review, has, I am pleased to say, again been highly successful. The account has run off, leaving a credit balance of \$738,521.47 which, though slightly less than in the year 1926, is substantially above the average of recent years. It is satisfactory to be able to record that our premium income again exceeds that for the previous year, for, with continued unsettled conditions and lack of security throughout China, together with the acute competition for whatever business may be offering in this and almost all other markets, the problem of maintaining our revenue is one which occasions your general managers and consulting committee much concern.

1928 Working Account

The ratio of losses works out at 34.12 per cent. as against 33.17 per cent. for the year 1926, whilst the expense ratio has increased to 39.88 per cent. as against 38.09 per cent. for the preceding year.

The rate of exchange at which the figures are shown is practically the same as last year.

The balance at credit of the working account for 1928 is \$675,329.19, or \$27,535.92 less than the carry forward for 1927 after twelve months working but, in the present depressed conditions of trade generally, it cannot be regarded as other than satisfactory. It is early yet to venture an opinion as to the ultimate result of this account but from present appearances the final balance should prove well up to the average of recent years.

Appropriations

The surplus to be dealt with at this meeting is \$738,521.47 and we recommend the payment of a dividend of \$48 per share, the same as last year, absorbing \$344,000, the appropriation of \$28,000—\$247,422.68 to Gold Reserve, \$100,000 to Silver Reserve and the balance (Continued on Next Column.)

Col. G. K. Hall Brutton, President of the British Legion, and Lieut. Comdr. T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., R.N.R., President of the E.A.S.M.A., who laid the two wreaths, one on each side of the vase of flowers at the foot of the Cenotaph, on the side facing the Law Courts.

The British Legion's wreath was of palms with red Flanders poppies, with red, white, and blue ribbons representing the tricolours of France arranged across it.

The E.A.S.M.A. wreath had a French flag in the centre framed with palms with a cluster of white lilies.

Besides the Presidents of the two organisations there were present Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., representing the Navy League, Mr. R. A. Rogers, Chairman of the Committee of the E.A.S.M.A. Club, Mr. A. Piercy, Secretary of the British Legion, the Rev. T. G. Waldegrave, and Messrs. L. S. Greenhill, A. Murdoch, H. L. Denny, G. W. Sewell, N. V. A. Croucher, and others.

KING FOR WINDSOR

STILL WEAK AND TIRES EASILY

ADVISERS' SUGGESTION

London, Yesterday.

The King to-day for the first time spent three-quarters of an hour out of doors without using his bath-chair but it was emphasised that he is still weak and tires easily.

In the event of his progress continuing satisfactorily, His Majesty's advisers are contemplating that the King may go to Windsor in May in order to be near London in time for the General Election.—Reuter.

ITALY'S ELECTIONS

SWEEPING VICTORY FOR THE FASCIST GOVERNMENT

Rome, Yesterday.

Eighty-nine per cent. of electors voted at the elections throughout Italy.

Only 136,000 votes were cast against the Government list of candidates. Spoilt papers amounted to 8,000 and the remainder were in favour of the Government.—Reuter.

ance of \$47,098.79 = \$4,758-18-10 to Reinsurance Fund.

All our reserves are in a satisfactory condition. The Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account shows an appreciation of approximately \$130,000, which amount is also reflected on the asset side of the balance sheet. This is due chiefly to appreciation in the market values of our gold and silver investments, of which the prices of many are now standing at a very high level.

Bonus to Staff

You will, I trust, approve of the usual bonus of 15 per cent. on their salaries being granted to the staff.

I do not think there is anything further in the accounts which requires special mention. The past year has been comparatively uneventful from an insurance standpoint and, although there have been no fire losses of unusual importance in the Far East, severe outbreaks in many other parts of the world where the company operates were responsible for heavy claims.

Hotel Catastrophe

I cannot close without making brief reference to the fire which occurred in the King Edward and Savoy Hotels on the morning of the 11th instant, a disaster which was unfortunately attended by the loss of several lives, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing our deep sympathy with the relatives and with those who suffered injury whilst effecting their escape from the burning building.

This was quite the worst outbreak since the Hong Kong Hotel fire on Jan. 1, 1926, and it is greatly to the credit of the Fire Brigade that they were able to prevent the whole of one of the most important blocks in the business centre of the city from becoming involved.

The Resolution

After the resolution, which I am now about to propose, has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions which Shareholders may wish to put. I now propose the following resolution:—

"That the report and accounts as presented, including the payment of a dividend of \$48 per share, an addition of \$247,422.68 to Sterling Reserve, of \$100,000 to Silver Reserve, the transfer of \$4,758-18-10 = \$47,098.79 to the credit of the Reinsurance Fund, and the payment to the staff of 15 per cent. upon their salaries, be adopted and passed." The Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton seconded. No question was put and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Other Businesses

Other business transacted by the meeting comprised:—
Re-election of Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A. S. Gubbay and T. E. Pearce to the consulting committee—proposed by Mr. Ho Leung, seconded by Mr. D. V. Stevenson.

Re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming as auditors at a fee of \$1,000 each firm per annum—proposed by Mr. E. M. Raymond, seconded by Mr. C. Savard Remedios.

THE "RUM-RUNNING" INCIDENT

TRAGIC AFFAIR

NEW YORK NEWSPAPERS' STRONG CONDEMNATION

THE "IMALONE" ATTACK

New York, Yesterday.

A scathing leader on the "Imalone" incident in the evening paper, the "New York Telegram," says the United States is now in the midst of a dangerous armament race with Great Britain, largely owing to the issue of the freedom of seas, and "yet we are the first to violate that principle which from the beginning America has tried to make the cornerstone of international law. We don't own the seas yet and can't dry them up under the Volstead Act."

The "Evening Post," which is in no respect Prohibitionist, describes the incident as the most cowardly thing since the German submarine outrages.

Official British Report

Washington, Yesterday.

The British Consulate at New Orleans has submitted to the Embassy a full report of the "Imalone" incident and Mr. F. B. Kellogg is awaiting a report from the Treasury.

It is stated that it has not yet been established whether the schooner was within the prescribed hour's run from the coast when hailed.

Canada Involved

Ottawa, Yesterday.

The Canadian Government is involved in the sinking of the "Imalone" which is on the Canadian registry.

Capt. Randall's War Service

Captain Randall was an officer in the British naval reserve during wartime and won the D. S. C. and the Croix de Guerre with two palms.

Earlier News

Washington, Yesterday.

In view of a call paid by Sir E. Howard, the British Ambassador, on the State Department yesterday in connection with the sinking of the British rum-running schooner "Imalone" by gunfire from the coast-guard cutter "Dexter" off the coast of Louisiana, officials of the Department take a serious view of the situation. They have asked the Treasury Department to obtain a statement of the facts from the coastguard service.

A negro seaman of the "Imalone" was killed by gunfire, and the crew landed at New Orleans. Coastguard headquarters have received a report from Capt. Gamble, commanding the coastguard forces in the Gulf of Mexico, stating that after investigation he regarded the action of the "Dexter" as "proper and commendable."

Capt. John Randall, master of the "Imalone," who is a Canadian, declares that he refused to surrender because he was outside American jurisdiction.

100 Shots Fired

One hundred shots were fired and the vessel sank in five minutes. The crew jumped into the water and were picked up by the American cutters.

The negro killed is a naturalised British subject.

One bullet hit Captain Randall below the hip, and his leg is partly paralysed.

The issue largely revolves upon the question of the "Imalone's" position when first sighted by the coast-guard, who declare that she was within the twelve-mile limit.

London Comment

The State Department at Washington has promised to furnish the British Ambassador with the speediest detailed information of the sinking of the "Imalone."

It is felt in authoritative quarters in London that comment on the position is inopportune until the Ambassador's report is received, but if the facts are as reported then the case certainly appears to call for further investigation on the part of the British Government.

The Dead Seaman

It has been established that the seaman drowned when the "Imalone" was sunk is a French citizen named Leon Mal

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th March, 1929, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 13th March, 1929.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-fourth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1928.

The register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 23rd day of March to Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1929.

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A CONCERT of Light Music will be held in the Hall of the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, April 16, 1929. Tickets, \$2 each, may be obtained from Members of Committee, at the Anderson Music Co., Ice House Street, and at the Helena May Institute.

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tures, Desks, Electrical Ware,
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Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Wag-
ons, Ice Chests, Dinner Crockery,
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REDS IN RISING**CAPTURES IN INTERIOR OF
FUKIEN****TROOPS' PRECAUTIONS**

Foochow, Yesterday.

It is reported that a Communist
force of 6,000 has invaded the
south-west of Fukien province from
Kiangsi and captured Tingchow and
Shanghang after defeating Govern-
ment troops under Kuo Feng-ming,
who is reported to have been killed.
Shanghang has been recaptured by
troops converging from Kiangsi,
Kwangtung and Fukien for the
purpose of cutting off the Com-
munists. Precautions against Com-
munist risings are being taken
throughout Fukien by the Pro-
vincial Government.

The situation appears to be in
hand.—Reuter.



William Haines and Joan Craw-
ford in "West Point," at the Star
Theatre, March 26 and 27.

HABEAS CORPUS**CHINESE FROM HAIPHONG
WINS HIS CASE****JUDGE DECIDES ON FACT**

Argument at considerable length
having been made yesterday as to
the position of the executive vis-a-
vis the judiciary in extradition, the
Full Court gave judgment—not on
the points of law raised—but on
fact, as shown by the evidence
adduced.

His Honour the Chief Justice
(Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) and his
Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr.
Justice Wood) sat together to hear
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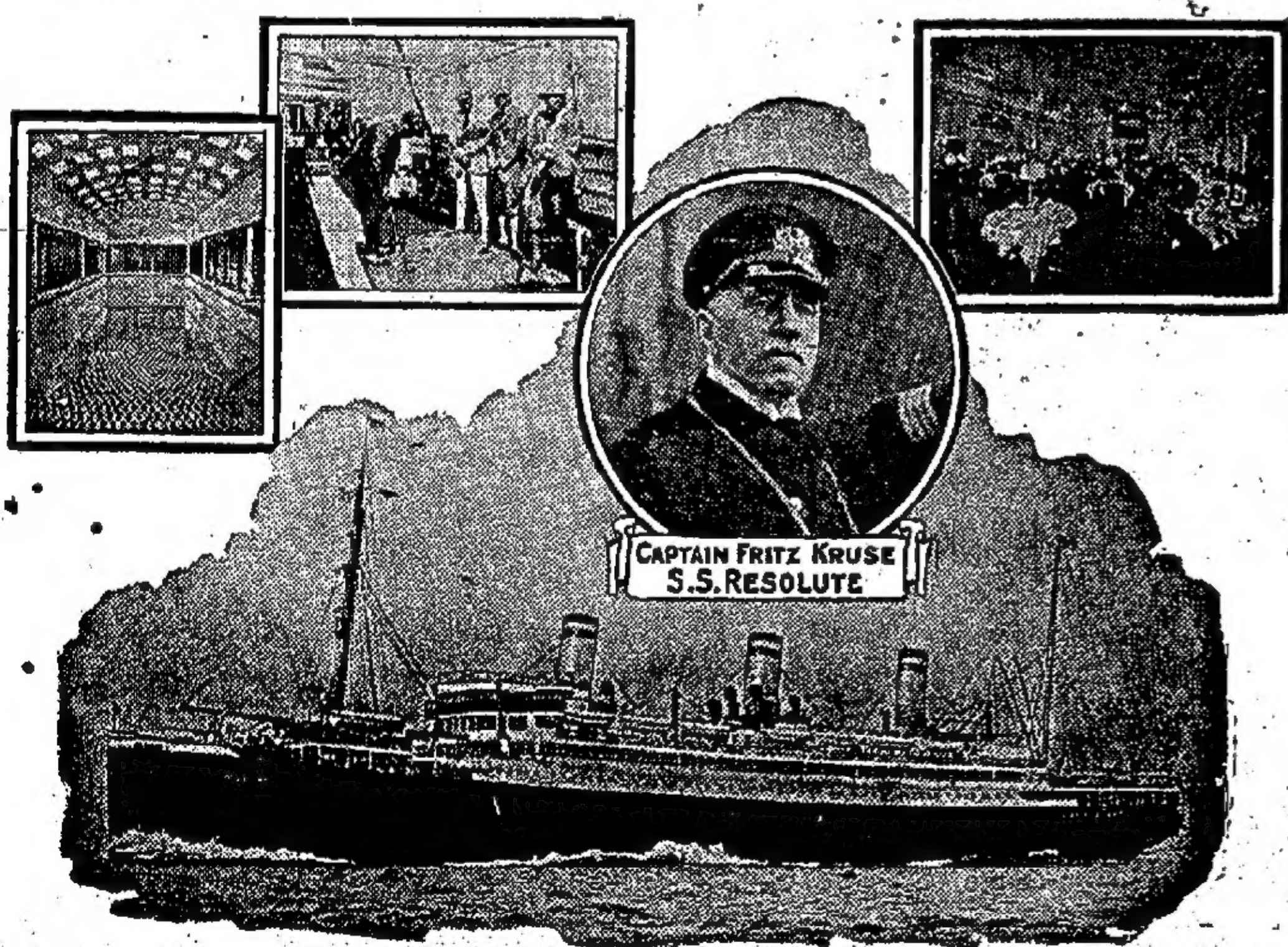
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CORROSION & LOADING IN HEAVY WEATHER

NEW INVESTIGATIONS.

London.—The research work carried on by Lloyd's Register was never more important than it is to-day, says the "Journal of Commerce." Apart from its revision of the rules for the safety of lives and property at sea, it is paying special attention to preventing any too heavy new burdens being placed on shipowners. Close watchfulness in this direction was never so necessary as it is to-day, with the steady growth of foreign shipping competition.

A group of experts at the Registry is now carrying on a special investigation into the excessive corrosion which has been causing very serious concern in the case of some oil tankers. Dr. B. C. Laws is making voyages on passenger and cargo vessels, gathering data on the behavior of ships under severe conditions of weather and loading.

These facts and other interesting comments were made during a speech by Mr. Andrew Scott, secretary of the Lloyd's Register, at the thirty-fifth annual reunion and dinner of Lloyd's Register Cricket Club at the May Fair Hotel, London.

As Mr. Scott (who was in the chair) said, the cricket club is only an excuse for one of the historic social events of the shipping world. Representatives of the society from all parts of the earth gather at this function, or else send witty cables, which are read out by the chairman as an appetizer for the heavier dishes of oratory which follow. These representatives meet in convivial atmosphere the leading shipowners and Government officials associated with shipping and insurance.

The chairman was supported by:—Sir S. George Higgins, C.B.E., Rt. Hon. Lord Marchmont; Sir Fred W. Lewis, Bart.; Sir Joseph Isherwood, Bart.; Mr. Robert Corry; Mr. Archibald MacLean; Capt. Sir Walter Baynham, K.B.E.; Dr. J. Montgomerie; Sir Archibald Hurd; Messrs. Douglas Garrett, R. W. Sturges, T. Shaw (Switzerland); H. M. Rogers; J. Barclay; A. L. Sturge; Sir Alfred Booth, Bart.; Sir Percy Mackinnon; Sir Charles Hipwood, K.B.E., C.B.; Mr. Charles J. Higgins; Sir Charles Sanders, K.B.E.; Sir Alfred Chalmers, Messrs. Claverhouse Wallace; R. D. Cairns (Liverpool); A. J. Daniel; R. Cheetham (Cardiff); and Mr. Harry Gray.

Such a representative gathering is rarely seen in London. Scientist, shipowners, lawyers, Government officials and bankers converge in an unofficial and valuable way. But the atmosphere of the cricket club reigns. Good sportsmanship characterizes the proceedings, which are more like a meeting in the pavilion than a ceremonial banquet.

Mr. Andrew Scott, proposing "Our Club and Patrons," said: We have the great pleasure of welcoming to-night for the first time in his capacity of chairman of Lloyd's Register, Sir George Higgins, who has honoured us with his company on two previous occasions, and I am sure that you would like me to take this opportunity of respectfully offering Sir George our most sincere congratulations, and of assuring him that we all wish him a long and successful reign in his high office, which we know he will occupy with distinction and with great advantage to the society and its

clients and staff. (Cheers.) I have been privileged to be closely associated with Sir George during the last few years, and I know that he realizes to the full the importance to the society and its clients of a competent and contented staff, and that he will do all that in him lies to uphold the high ideals and traditions of the society in that respect.

We are also pleased to welcome to-night Mr. Sturge, the deputy chairman, who brings to his new office the valuable experience which he gained in the chair at Lloyd's, and Sir Percy Mackinnon, another ex-chairman of Lloyd's, who, like Mr. Sturge, occupied the chair there during a period of exceptional difficulty and responsibility. I think we may be allowed to congratulate Mr. Sturge and Sir Percy on the unique honour which has just been paid to them by being asked to allow their portraits to be painted and hung alongside that of John Julius Angerstein, who was generally known in his days as the Father of Lloyd's. I believe that Mr. Angerstein's portrait is painted by Sir Thomas Lawrence, and I hope that our two friends will be equally fortunate in their artists. (Hear, hear.)

Then we are pleased to have with us again our fellow cricketer and kindly critic Sir Frederick Lewis, who has delighted us on more than one occasion with his "Celtic" wit and imagery. We are also favoured with the company of Sir Alfred Booth, who will, I greatly trust, bear a name which is honoured alike in shipping

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circles and in social science; and last, but not least, Mr. Robert Corry, whom we welcome not only for his own sake but in memory of his father, who was one of the most accomplished and lovable men who ever sat on the Committee of Lloyd's Register.

Shipowners' Burdens
Of that committee I need say but little in this gathering. Their public work is known and respected of all men. Of the nature of that work I may be permitted to quote a few words from a recent judgment of Mr. Justice Wright which caught my eye. He pointed out that a very serious responsibility is placed upon the committee of a classification society, "because it is their duty to have regard to the safety of ships and lives and cargo, and to see that ships which are classified in their society are kept in proper condition. That is their duty and their obligation. On the other hand they have to apply their functions and their powers with due regard to business interests, and to avoid, if possible, doing things which would burden the shipowner without any corresponding advantage to the fulfilment of the essential requirements of the rules."

How admirably the Committee of Lloyd's Register carry out this work is shown by the widespread confidence which is placed in the classification of Lloyd's Register throughout the world.

Apart from those quasi judicial functions, however, the committee are always anxious to undertake any exceptional service which may be for general good. Two of the most recent kind of this kind occur to me. One is a special investigation, which is now going on, into the excessive corrosion which has been causing very serious concern in the case of some oil tankers. The other is the investigation into the behaviour of ships under severe conditions of weather and loading, by a highly trained member of the society's staff, who has been making voyages with this object both on passenger and cargo vessels.

In a letter which I received the other day from the special surveyor on question, he says "on the voyage we experienced for the most part very heavy weather, just of the kind desirable to afford a good impression of the behaviour of the vessel under adverse conditions." These voyages have already yielded valuable information, and much more may be looked for from this source. So much so that it occurs to me to suggest to Sir Charles Sanders, the chairman of the Load Line Committee, whom we are pleased to have with us to-night, that it might be worth his while to consider the expediency of his taking a member of his committee on such voyages in the depth of winter, when the various types of vessels which they are dealing with. This would not only let the members escape the London fog when it is at its worst, and to breathe ozone laden sea breezes off the Atlantic or North Sea, but would also probably enable them to shorten their arduous labours.

We are honoured with the company of a large number of outport members, and of old boys and guests, too numerous to mention by name, but to one and all we extend a very hearty welcome. (Applause).

Promotes Good Fellowship
Now with regard to our club, which affords the excuse for this cheerful gathering, what can I say beyond repeating what has so often been said before: that it promotes good fellowship among the staff in addition to providing healthy outdoor exercise, and in that way is a valuable asset to the society.

Touching the results of the matches, I need say very little, as they are set forth in detail in the prints you have before you. I may just point out, however, shortly, that the first eleven played 18 matches, won 8, lost 6, and drew 4. Sir Frederick Lewis will be interested to note that honours are easily between the Furness Houder-Prince Lines; and ourselves, as we each won one and lost one. The same result was achieved in the second eleven matches between them and us. On the whole, the second eleven did remarkably well, having played 19, won 13, lost 2, drawn 3 and tied 1. Moreover, they accomplished the remarkable achievement of making over 3,000 runs in a season for the first time in their history.

I may call attention with some pride to the fact that Mr. Powell, captain of the first eleven, made two centuries, 119 (not out) against the Union-Castle Line, and 112 (not out) against the Furness Houder-Prince Lines. I had the pleasure of seeing the latter performance, and I feel quite sure that Sir Frederick Lewis, if he had been there, would have felt that it was a case where

Even the ranks of Tuscany

Could scarce forbear to cheer.
The Furness Houder-Prince Club had made 145 and got four of our wickets down for 11, and they were naturally highly pleased with themselves. Then Hammond (I beg pardon, I mean Powell) went in, and playing the innings of his life, gave one of the finest exhibitions of brilliant and exhilarating cricket which I have seen anywhere, not excepting Lord's or the Oval. Mr. Coomber also made a century, viz. 112, against Lloyd's, and thus contributed largely to our victory over our old friends and rivals.

You will see from the printed lists that there are many other good scores, but no one else has obtained the coveted century, and I now ask Captain Powell and Mr. Coomber to come forward and receive a small token in recognition of their fine performances. You will observe from the presents they have asked to be furnished with that they are both Frothblowers, and it occurs to me to wonder whether Hobbs had similar presents for all the centuries he has made.

Rich silver tankards were then presented to the centurions.
Sir S. G. Higgins, C.B.E., in reply to the toast, said that it was his desire, while he remained chairman of the Register, to do his utmost to further the affairs of the society, and to its esteem. At the same time it was his object to attend very closely, and in every way, to the welfare of the staff. He paid a tribute to the great work of Dr. Montgomerie (chief ship surveyor) and to Mr. H. A. Ruck Keane (chief engineer surveyor). The committee of Lloyd's Register realized the value of sportsmanship in work and business, and, as Sir Frederick Lewis had said on a former occasion, its world-wide success was due to its realization of sportsmanship and fairplay.

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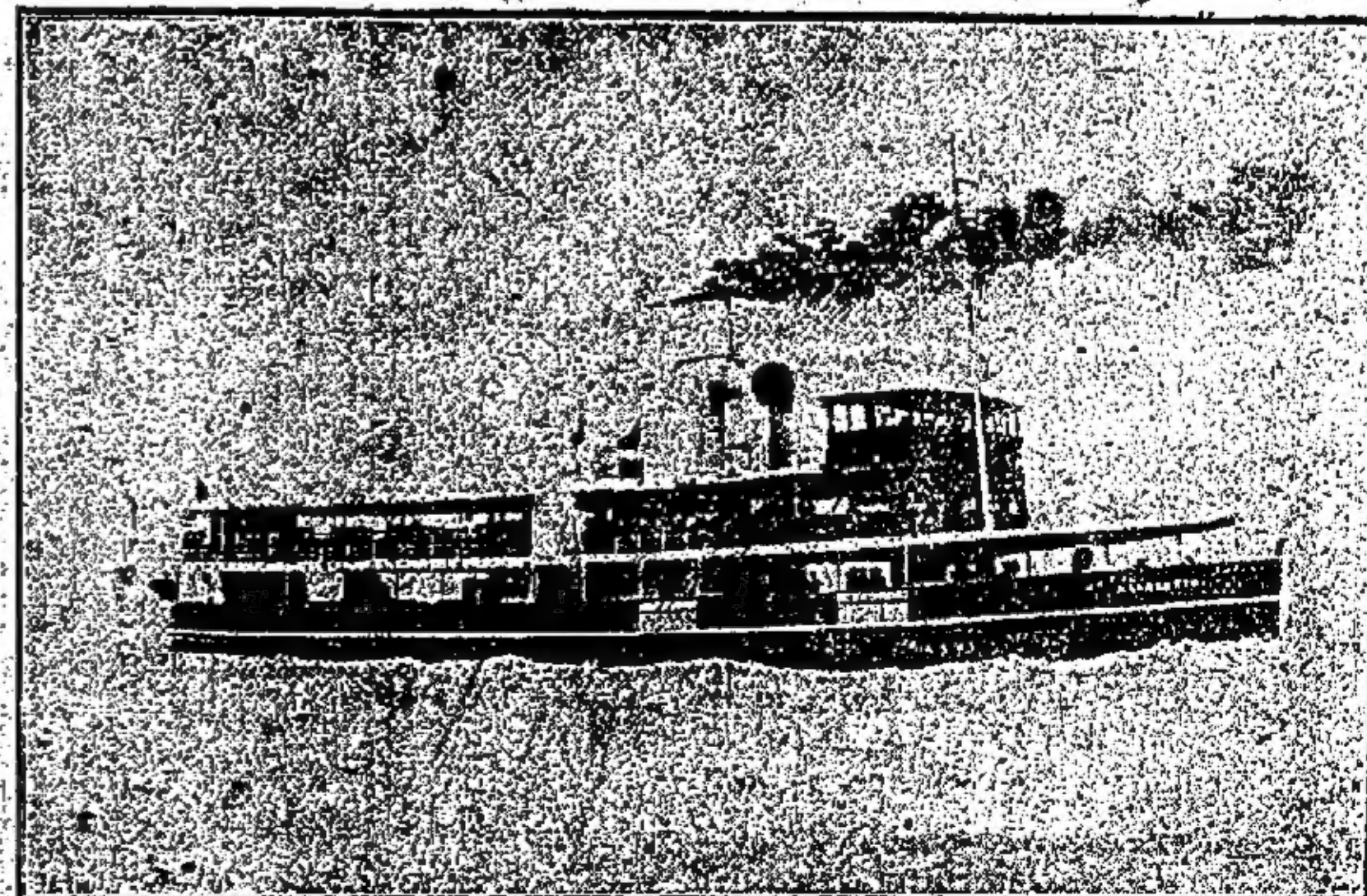
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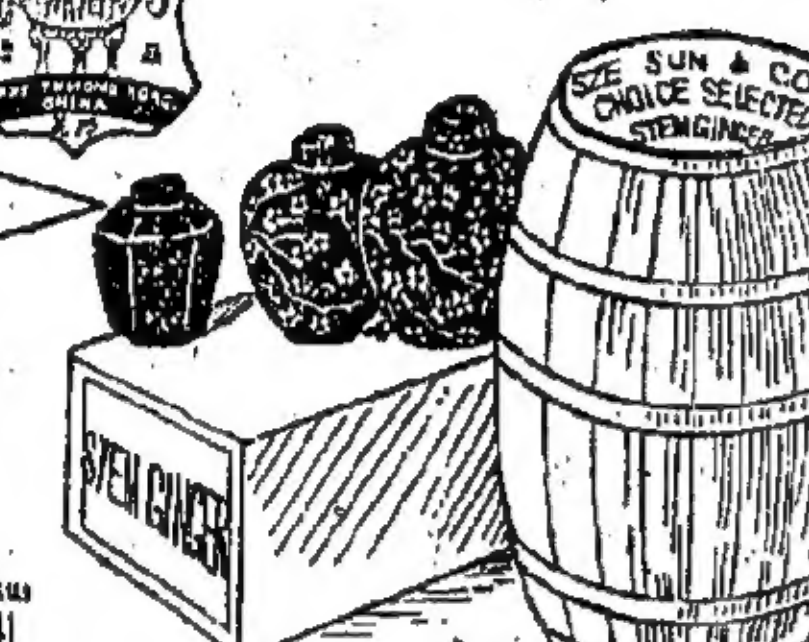
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LALCHAND—To Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lalchand, 12, Fung Fai Terrace, Hong Kong, on March 24, a son.

WARD—On March 14, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ward, a son, Michael Richard Northern.

MARRIAGE

WILSON—WHATMOUGH.—On March 20, at H.B.M. Consulate General and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by Dean Trivett, Frederick Wilson to Lily Whatmough.

DEATH

HOOD—On February 14, at Worsell Hall, lower Worsell Yarm, England, Doris, wife of Ninian Hood, late chief engineer of China Merchants, Ltd.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Mar. 26, 1929.

CHANCE OF PEACE YET?

In spite of news, hitherto unconfirmed, that fighting has broken out between units professing loyalty to the National Government of China at Nanking and the Kwangsi faction at Hankow, respectively, there is still a chance of peace, or at least of compromise. The report which has caused most anxiety is that of last evening to the effect that several hundreds of wounded soldiers have been brought into Nanking and that the authorities there have announced casually that these casualties were suffered in operations against "bandits up-country." That Nanking should attempt to camouflage the obvious is most likely due to a desire there still to prevent war if face can be saved. And, in analysing the situation in any time of crisis in China, it is necessary to take into careful consideration the antecedents and the political dispositions of the Generals actually concerned. In this fighting near the boundary between Hupeh and Anhui provinces, the troops on the Nanking side were "Ironsides" and others who are the traditional enemies of the Kwangsi faction, more so even than Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is. These troops have been straining at the leash for months and would have fought on the smallest pretext.

At the same time, the National Government has still left the door open for settlement. It has ordered all troops "at the front" to mark time and cease operations of an aggressive nature. Beyond insisting on the dismissal (and "further investigation") of two Kwangsi Generals who were responsible for precipitating the disturbance in Hunan, Yeh Chi and Hsia Wei, the National Government does not ask for anything material immediately. It takes the opportunity, however, to make certain appointments—mostly of men belonging or subordinate to the Kwangsi faction, be it noted—to pave the way toward reducing the strength of the Kwangsi faction's armies. This is done in the name of disarmament. If Nanking's orders are carried out, the National Government will have achieved the double purpose of making its authority felt in the province and of going ahead with the disarmament scheme in a sphere least favourable to such. Which, in short, means addition to the prestige of Nanking as the centre of the whole country. In view of the multifarious interests at stake, it is difficult to visualise either side throwing itself wholeheartedly into a campaign which will last not less than three months, with disastrous effects all round.

Assuming the rivals got to grips, it will be impossible to say who is directly responsible. Chiang Kai-shek appears to be the aggressor, but is the Kwangsi faction free from blame? Admittedly, the Kwangsi faction gave offence in Hunan. But, practically every demand of Nanking was accepted right away. It is patent that Chiang Kai-shek was itching to curb the power of the Kwangsi. It is once a chance presented itself. Many observers have said all along that hostilities at some time or other were inevitable because the parties have never fought to a real finish before. It is necessary to ask if the Kwangsi faction has placed itself in the wrong by "not playing fair" to Nanking and thereby arousing Chiang Kai-shek's ire. The latter,

in his several capacities as the principal factor in the National Government and the Nationalist Party, has resorted to the methods which paid so handsomely when he first reached the top flight in Canton in 1925 and 1926, that is, by locking up—and occasionally executing—all and sundry whom he felt to be a hindrance. For precedents we have not to go far. But, in the matter of placing in custody, our sympathy is with Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton, because Chiang Kai-shek had appointed him one of the Hunan investigators and, in that capacity, made it imperative for Marshal Li to go to Nanking.

Conserving Water.

It does not follow that because the Government has completed negotiations for the Aberdeen paper mill reservoir and because an official of the P.W.D. has actually left for Home in connection with the Shing Mun Valley scheme, we can all fold our arms and praise the powers that be. Every drop of water must be conserved. Every existing facility for the storage of water must be exploited to the utmost. The optimists notwithstanding, rain cannot be manufactured at will. Nor will it descend at the psychological moment to avert the drought of the Kowloon populace—a terrible thought! What is being done regarding the Pokfulam catchment area? The Public Works Department appear to hate the very mention of it. But why has nothing been done to clear it of all silt and sediment during the long dry season that the weather-wise folk tell us must come to a close very shortly? Why should it be despised as a conservator of water? Every little helps in a time of drought. "Little drops of ocean... make the mighty ocean." Little supplies here and little supplies there may save a water famine in that part of the island in which is situated the Pokfulam catchment area. Why wait for other schemes to mature or come to completion, gambling on a sufficient rainfall to tide the community over to this time next year? The Pokfulam reservoir is nearly as dry as the proverbial bone—a golden opportunity to clean out the silt that accumulated as the result of the collapse of the new motor road above. The greater storage capacity would serve a very present help in time of water trouble. If, as seems inevitable, it has to be made use of in connection with the extension of the Aberdeen reservoir scheme, why wait until the rain does come and the work of cleaning out the catchment area cannot be done half so satisfactorily as under the present ideal conditions? Merely to indulge in anathema whenever the Pokfulam reservoir is mentioned appears but an excuse to shirk the performance of an obvious duty in the interests of those to whom a regular water supply is indeed a blessing.

The plain fact is that change is essential to life. Life, indeed, is change; and change is of the essence of reality. Everything is the product of a process of development. It is thus that art, science, civilisation, morals, religion, have come into being. Any experience seems to teach that if change does not take place in one direction, it takes place in another. If there is no progress, there is degeneration; there is, and can be no such thing as standing still.—The "London Evening News."

Mr. W. H. Bell and Mr. and Mrs. Cyril H. Burton returned to the Colony on the "President Jefferson" from Manila yesterday.

There is at present estimated to be 90 days' supply of water on the Island. The harbour pipe line, it is hoped, will be completed by the end of the year.

The splendid troupe, "The Samoan Dancers" are giving farewell performances to-day at the Queen's in conjunction with Syd Chaplin's great comedy "Skirts."

During the absence of Mr. J. F. Brennan on leave, Mr. G. S. Moss, M.B.E., British Consul in Fochow, will take over charge of the British Consulate-General in Canton.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful students of the Sacred Heart College tomorrow at 11 a.m. at the Majestic Theatre, Nathan-road.

During the week ended March 23 one case of diphtheria (fatal) was reported, and three cases of enteric fever (one fatal). All were Chinese. Two fatal cases of influenza were also notified.

MR. LU YEN-CHU

DEATH OF A NOTABLE CHINESE ARCHITECT

SUN MEMORIAL DESIGNER

The Kuo Wen news agency announces with deep regret (says the "N. C. Daily News" of March 21) the death of Mr. Lu Yen-chi on the 18th instant, in Shanghai. Mr. Lu was a noted Chinese architect; it was he who won the first prize for the design of the Memorial Hall and Tomb at Nanking for the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Deceased came of a Nanking family, but was born in Tientsin in 1894. With the Tsinghua scholarship he was sent to America in 1913, where he took his B.A. degree at Cornell University. From 1919 to 1921 he was employed in the firm of Murphy and Dana, architects, of New York, during which time he was responsible for the designing of the Gilling College Group at Nanking, which is one of the first few successful adaptations of Chinese architecture to modern purposes.

In 1921 Mr. Lu returned to Shanghai and won a competition for the design of the Shanghai Bankers' Association Building and in 1926 he received his first prize in the competition for a design for the tomb of the late Kuomintang leader. Again, in 1926, he was victorious in another competition for the Memorial Auditorium and the Monument for the late Dr. Sun in Canton.

RUSSIAN CULTURE

ASSOCIATION BEING FORMED IN COLONY

A new Society, the "Hong Kong Russian Cultural Association," membership in which will be open to Russians, as well as to Latvians, Polish, Estonians, etc., is now being established. The members of the initiative group comprise one Latvian, Mr. Herbert Edward Lanepart, and two Russians, Captain Mikhail Mitrofanovich Afanassieff and Mr. Alexi Alexeievich Trambitzky.

The authorities have informed Mr. H. E. Lanepart that the Government has no reasons against it, as long as the proposed Society acts in accordance with the law.

R.A.O.B.

SUCCESSFUL "OPEN NIGHT IN CLUB"

"Open Night" was celebrated at the R.A.O.B. Club last night with a smoking concert. A party from H.M.S. "Hermes" provided the entertainment.

The programme was a long one, consisting mostly of songs. Shortly before the interval Mr. Eull mystified the audience with some sleight of hand and card tricks. The entertainment was very successful and both the organisers and those who took part are to be congratulated.

Admittance was free and a collection was taken in aid of R.A.O.B. charities.

A cable has been received by Mr. W. Anderson, of Anderson Music Company, the local Secretary of the Trinity College of Music, London, congratulating him on the excellent entries received for the forthcoming music examination. Mr. Mallinson, the college's examiner, is expected here from London on or about May 23.

The Government has decided to proceed immediately with the Aberdeen reservoir scheme. After protracted negotiations the Government has secured a resumption of certain water rights held by the Taishing Paper Manufacturing Co., and they contemplate the construction of a new reservoir, near the present Pokfulam reservoir. It is hoped to secure an extra 2.12 million gallons a day by this scheme which will cost about \$2,600,000 and should, if all goes well, be completed in three years.

It is sible that any singer could give the "Shadow Song" from "Dinorah"—(a song which ranks with "A Fors e lui" and the "Bell Song" from "Lakme" as one of the three most difficult "coloratura" songs ever written for soprano-leggiero). Yet this difficult feat was accomplished without the slightest apparent effort by the singer!

Echoing the flute obligato, she rippled through the runs and trills and cadenzas with all the brilliance of a lark. The echo effects were faultlessly given, and the final D flat in alt with which this song ends roused a storm of applause such as is rarely heard in Hong Kong!

Madame Amelita Galli-Curci is indeed a very great artist, and her voice will long be remembered by those privileged to hear her last night.—A.W.

A REAL "QUEEN OF SONG"

"GALLI-CURCI"

LAST NIGHT'S THRILLING PERFORMANCE

AUDIENCE DELIGHTED

Madame Galli-Curci came to Hong Kong with a great reputation and her song-recital at the Queen's Theatre last night drew a very big audience. Every seat was filled and the audience showed by their applause that expectations were not only fulfilled—they were even exceeded!

Madame Galli-Curci is undoubtedly a very great artist! Even if she were not world-famous, as a coloratura singer with exceptional range and technique, she would still rank as a great artist, by virtue of the lovely quality of her voice, and the evenness and purity of tone throughout its whole range. The low notes deep and sweet, and the top notes fresh as a bird's song.

For her first song she chose Donaudy's exquisite "O del mio Amato ben," in which the smoothness of her phrasing and the blend of light and shade were given in the true "Bel Canto" style. Paisiello's "Chi vuol la Zingarella" seemed almost too crude a contrast, but the "Recitativo e Romanzo" from "Dinorah" was given with delightful tenderness and sympathy.

With Flute Obligato "Lo, Here, the Gentle Lark," sung with flute obligato, is a "tour de force," of which any singer may be proud; and deserved the applause it won, by reason of its difficulty alone, though, to be frank, it did not really suit the singer. Her voice is too Southern in quality for Bishop's cold, clear effects. For an encore she gave Tosti's "Serenata," in which her temperament had full scope.

"Dein Blaues Augen" (Brahms) was beautifully given, and it was followed by Chapi's exhilarating "Carceleras" (a song at one time immensely popular—but now heard all too seldom). The difficult accompaniment was brilliantly played by Mr. Homer Samuels, and the song quite electrified the audience who would have liked a repetition.

Then followed Rimsky-Korsakoff's most lovely air,—"The Chanson Indoue" from the opera "Sadko." In spite of the intrusive efforts of a Chinese fiddler in the street outside, the Prima Donna scored a well-deserved triumph by her exquisite delivery of this song in which she conveyed all the charm and mystery of the East in the slow-dropping minor cadences which fell like pearls from her lips. It would have been a pity to follow such dream-land music by anything so banal as Bishop's "Echo Song" and Madame Galli-Curci wisely exercised her woman's prerogative of changing her mind, and gave instead that delightful song "Una Voca poco fa" from Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia." In operatic airs the Diva is at her best and sings with that breadth and freedom which only a very great opera singer can command.

Runs and Trills Her runs and trills are clear and fresh as running water, and at the close of the fine cadenza which ends the introduction to "Rosina's" song—the audience burst into the wildest applause, bouquets surged on to the stage, and it was quite a long time before the audience could compose themselves sufficiently to allow Madame Galli-Curci to continue her song!

An excellent contrast was provided by three crisp and spirited piano solos played by Mr. Homer Samuels. The last was "Uncle Remus' Rhapsody" by Morris, a bright and rhythmic piece which was warmly encored.

Signor Luigi Alberghini, too, did sterling service in his capacity of flautist.

In the second half of the programme the Prima Donna gave us three English Ballads—none of them worthy of her voice or talent, though all very daintily sung. The last of these was the signal for a series of encores, each more charming than the last, until it seemed as if the audience could not let her go.

Her first encore was "Molloy's" "Love's Old Sweet Song." The next "Comin' Thro' the Rye" and at the third encore Madame Galli-Curci did a very surprising thing! She sat down at the piano and sang to her own accompaniment proving herself a true musician by the ease with which she played a difficult accompaniment.

Needless to say this evoked another encore—the ever-popular "La Paloma," and after this followed two more encores—both delightful!

After such a lengthy programme, it seemed almost impossible to expect another encore. (Continued at foot of preceding column.)

HOTEL FIRE

RATTAN & WICKER BASKETS
UNDER STAIR

CONTROL OF WATCHMEN

The fifth sitting in connection with the King Edward Hotel fire inquiry, took place in Mr. E. W. Hamilton's Court at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when evidence of interest was given with regard to a number of rattan and wicker baskets in a pile of baggage left under the staircase at the time of the fire.

The first witness was Mr. G. Woudenberg, who lived in Room No. 402 (fourth floor) at the Hotel. He said that when he realised that the Hotel was on fire he ran down the main staircase, but was driven back by the smoke and flames after he had got down as far as the second floor. Running up the staircase, he got back on his own floor and there met the children of Mr. Wittchell coming down. Mr. Wittchell also came into view, together they stopped and turned back the children, ascending to the fifth floor, from where they made their escape into the basement by way of the stone staircase. Finally, they got into the back lane behind the Hotel.

By the jury: It did not occur to him to make for the stone staircase when he was on the third floor by simply turning to his left, instead of running all the way up to the top again.

Tribute to Firemen

Another resident, Mr. L. M. Heras, who lived in Room No. 22, on the second floor, described how he was taken off by firemen. The corridor was filled with smoke, and he retreated into his room, realising that he would in all likelihood be suffocated if he endeavoured to get through to the stone fire escape.

By the Coroner: He knew of the existence of this fire escape, having stayed in the Hotel for some length of time.

Going out on the verandah he shouted into the street, and was lucky enough to attract the attention of firemen, who drew up an escape ladder on which he climbed down.

The Coroner: You said when you went out on the verandah the men were already outside in the street?

Witness: "Yes, otherwise I would not be here to tell you all about it. I owe my life to those firemen."

A Pile of Baggage

Lau Hoi, a runner and baggage man employed at the Hotel, said that of the pile of baggage left under the staircase, two camphor wood trunks and steel box belonged to a European called Burns, a red wardrobe trunk and a black box to the Frenchman Baillie, a suit case and a rattan basket to a Chinese named F. C. Chang, and also four Japanese rattan baskets, one large and three small wicker baskets, a bundle of bedding and leather grip, belonging to "C. Lin."

By the Coroner: The European luggage was at the bottom of the pile. The wicker and rattan baskets belonged to "C. Lin" who occupied Room No. 305.

Keys of Basement

Cheung Chung-shun, store-keeper and purchasing commissioner of the King Edward Hotel, said he kept a desk in the basement of the building and sometimes slept there. He was not on the premises on the night of the fire.

Witness knew Chau Pak to be the watchman employed by the Hotel, but could not say under whose particular control the man was, if not under Mr. Wittchell's. He understood that the two doots in the establishment—the iron gate at the bottom of the fire escape and the exit from the basement—were closed every night at 11 o'clock, the keys being in the custody of the watchman on duty. Probably, sometimes the keys were kept in the drawers of his desk.

The Coroner observed that evidence had been given by the watchman that those keys were kept by him in that desk.

"Backgate Key"
Detective-Inspector Lane said that they had gone into the basement since the previous sitting, and found the drawers of the desk referred to, securely locked. They had to be forced open, but no keys were found therein, except for an old and apparently disused key with the inscription "backgate key" on it.

Replying to the Coroner, Cheung Chung-shun said that the watchman was not under his control. He was engaged by two men, who were partners of the Hotel business.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, counsel representing Mr. Wittchell, interposed to say that at this juncture they were not in a position to disclose the names of partners until a special order was made by the Court to do so.

The Coroner said he was trying to find out from witness whether it was Mr. Wittchell or

"FOUR SONS"

BIG DRAMATIC FILM
TO-MORROW

QUEEN'S THEATRE

"Four Sons," Fox's screen version of Miss I. A. R. Wylie's story, "Grandma Bernie Learns Her Letters," will hold the screen at the Queen's Theatre from tomorrow to Saturday.

The picture tells of a mother's abiding faith in her four sons and in the world. Their home, happy at first, is clouded with the coming of the war. The old mother is torn between her sons in the German Army and her one son in the American Army. With the exception of one scene on the battle field, in which brother fights brother, the war itself is not projected into the story, except as an off-screen background. Rather, it is the tale of a mother the sons leave behind, her struggle and her heartaches, told with honesty and simplicity and at all times with the utmost dramatic effect.

John Ford, noted director of "Mother Machree," "The Iron Horse," and many other screen triumphs, also directed "Four Sons."

Included in the cast are Margaret Mann, playing the mother; James Hall, Charles Morton, George Meeker and Francis X. Bushman, jun., son of the celebrated screen star, playing the sons; Earle Foxe and June Collyer.

POLICE RESERVE

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Acting Captain Superintendent of Police:

Chinese Company.
"First Aid to the Injured." Class for instruction in First Aid will be held at the Company's Headquarters to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Signalling. The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for practice in Morse and Semaphore under Crown Sergeant R15 Ow Yung Kin-heng to-morrow at 6.30 p.m. sharp.

Annual Examination in Part 2. There will be no examination in Part 2 of Training Course at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday.

Inspection Parade. All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday for the monthly inspection of arms, equipment, etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Blue uniform, cap with white cover; rifle, belt, side-arms, truncheon, whistle, armband, "Pocket Policeman," and note-book to be carried. Those not in possession of uniform will attend in mufti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

Indian Company.
Strength. Constable R223 Sheikh Joonus (deceased) has been struck off the roll as from March 17.

Flying Squad.
The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place to-day. Fall in at the Tsim-tsu-tai Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Winter uniform.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, and all members are requested to attend. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Winter uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.
Strength. Constable R424 L. R. Billingham has been permitted to resign upon completing one full year's service with effect from March 19.

Revolver Practice. Members of the Sharpshooters' Company are reminded of the revolver practice to be held on Sunday, April 7 at 10 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with belts and holsters with revolver. Uniform optional.

Arms Licences. All members of this Company who have not yet received the Police Reserve Badge are requested to attend the Police Reserve Office at Police Headquarters as soon as possible, with numbers of Revolver on their charge, for issue of free licences.

any of the partners who had control over the watchman.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, jun., who represents the proprietors of the Hotel, said that the names mentioned by the witness were probably those of two of the three partners by whom he was briefed.

Upon witness claiming that he was engaged by yet another partner, and that he himself had a small interest in the business, the Coroner remarked that before long Mr. d'Almada might discover 27 "shadowy partners" in place of the three whom he represented.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow at 2.15 p.m.

FORGED LABELS

'EVEREADY' MARK SMARTLY
IMITATED

SHOPS WELL STOCKED

Counterfeit forgeries of wrappers for electric torches and accompanying batteries, both of the products of the Eveready Company and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of America have been discovered and confiscated in Canton at the instance of the legal representative in China of the two firms concerned, Mr. N. T. Allman.

Mr. Allman when in Shanghai found torches being sold in a large number of Chinese shops, that were a very clever imitation of the American product. They were sold in cartons which were identical in their colouring to the American make, the instructions as to use being the same, and the only difference being in the name of the factory.

Located in Canton

The torches themselves were exact replicas of the American manufacture.

Mr. Allman eventually located the source of production in Canton. He then left for Canton, where the shops were flooded with batteries with counterfeit labels.

These labels were apparently a lithographic imitation of the originals. The Chief of Police immediately issued search warrants and a raid was made on two printing establishments with the result that between 5,000 and 6,000 unused labels, both of the Eveready and the Winchester, were seized.

The defendants were arrested, given a preliminary hearing in the courts, and sent for trial.

Mr. Allman informs the "China Mail" that he considers these cases very serious, as he is informed that large numbers of these torches and batteries are being shipped to ports all over China, to Singapore, Bangkok, and many other places in the Far East.

GODDARD'S \$12,000

THE ACTION FOR ITS
RECOVERY

There is much speculation as to what is to become of the \$12,000 seized by the police in the course of their investigations of the allegations of bribery and corruption against ex-Sergeant Goddard.

It will be recalled that the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, replying to a question in the House of Commons on Nov. 15, said, regarding the money, "It is in my possession."

So far no application has been made for it by the ex-sergeant's legal advisers, although some action for recovery is regarded by the police as inevitable.

It is understood that there is no regulation among those governing the Metropolitan Police Force that has any application to the case. In the ordinary way a prisoner's property is kept in the custody of the police until the expiry of his sentence, unless money found on him is ordered by the judge to be handed over to him on an application by his counsel at his trial.

Whether the sum seized by the police in this instance is legally ex-Sergeant Goddard's property is only one of the many points of law which will probably have to be decided by the High Court.

Obviously the matter of restitution is not involved, for none of those from whom ex-Sergeant Goddard received bribes is likely to seek for the return of the money paid over.

"Yard" and Evidence

It will be recalled that Goddard was only charged in respect of a total sum of \$915. There can now be no harm in stating that at one time so much difficulty was being experienced by Scotland Yard in getting evidence that would enable them to prosecute Goddard that they believed they would have to wait for the ex-sergeant to claim the money they had seized before applying for a warrant for his arrest.

Although the matter is still being considered by his legal advisers, it is not expected that ex-Sergeant Goddard will appeal against his sentence and fine.

Whether the fine and costs are to be paid out of the \$12,000 in the Home Secretary's possession, or out of other sums which may be standing to Goddard's credit, is by no means the least of the problems which await a final decision.

Goddard and Ribuffi will serve their sentences at Wormwood Scrubs, and Mrs. Meyrick at Holloway.

Passengers on the District Railway were held up for nearly an hour when a fuse-box under the middle coach of a Wimbledon train burnt out at Southfields Station.

Thieves wrecked a safe in the premises of Messrs. W. G. Foyle, Ltd., booksellers, Charing Cross-road, W.C., and took the contents—about £200.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

"TREVESA TROPHY."

THE ELEVENTH BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ships' Lifeboats will be sailed on WEDNESDAY, March 27, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats.
COURSE: Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing boats should be in position at the starting line by 3.30 p.m.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, not later than noon, on March 27.

Launches for the use of the General Public will leave Queen's Pier at 3 p.m. on Wednesday.

R. J. VERNALL.

Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.
Hong Kong, March 12, 1929.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

To-day—Queen's Theatre;

"Skirts."

To-day—World Theatre;

"Firemen, Save My Child."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Latest from Paris."

To-day—Majestic Theatre;

"Stranded in Paris."

Mar. 27—30—Queen's Theatre;

"Four Sons."

Mar. 30, 31—Return Season of the Banvard Musical Comedy Co.

Star Theatre.

Apr. 6, 9, 11, 12, 13—Theatre Royal; H.K.A.D.C. production "The Dover Road."

Home Mails

To-morrow—Inward from Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ("Tenyo Maru").

Lammert's Auctions

Mar. 27—At 1, Saifon-terrace, Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Mar. 27—At 18, Conduit-road, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Mar. 27—At Sales Room, Brocades, flash light case and Eveready batteries, noon.

Mar. 28—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.

Mar. 28—At Sales Room, miscellaneous goods, 2.30 p.m.

March 28—At Sales Room, a Harley Davidson Flat Twin motor cycle 4 H.P. electric model, and a Triumph Combination, 3 p.m.

April 3—At Standard Oil Co.'s Installation, Lanchuk, surplus stores, etc., 10.30 a.m.

Meeting

March 28—Annual meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, noon.

Sports

Mar. 27—Bi-annual race for Trevesa Trophy, 4 p.m.

Mar. 30—Rowing Race for Bwo Cup, 11 a.m.

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Secrets of great men and tragic women, prophecies of history-making events and intimate pen pictures of such figures as the ex-Kaiser, the late Tsar of Russia, Lord Carnarvon, Mrs. Cornwallis West, and De Valera, and a delightful little sketch of our own Duchess of York, provide the foundation for the latest book of memoirs, "My Mysteries and My Story: a Book on Palmistry," by Velma.

Whatever one's views on the subject of palmistry, crystal gazing, and the like, the greatest sceptic must find good reading in this book. Leave out all the palmistry and the pictures seen in the crystal if you will, and there is still left a tale worth the telling.

One thing in particular seems to emerge from this book—and that is that the greater the man, the greater his mysticism, superstition, or gullibility, as you will.

The Ex-Kaiser's Anger

It was in 1908, while walking in the Black Forest, that Velma came face to face with the ex-Kaiser. After mutual recognition the "All Highest" informed the seer that years ago a gypsy had told his august ancestor that greatness would be heaped upon greatness for his family for decades to come until there would arise an Emperor who would mount his horse upon the wrong side and would bring about the ruin of his Empire and himself.

He showed Velma his hand. "The hand possessed a hollow palm, which always shows loss of money, danger, and failure of main enterprise. Love of war... quarrelsomeness, and obstinacy."

"Then you give me a real bad character," said William, "but not bad enough to see in me a possible fulfilment of the old gypsy's prophecy?" Velma replied: "With regret I have to answer, 'Thou art the man.'"

The ex-Kaiser "laughed unpleasantly" and rode away. Next day Velma received a visit from the Chief of Police, who told him that, as an undesirable character, he must leave the district.

Enlightened during the troublous times in Ireland, arrested by the I.R.A. and held prisoner in a lonely cottage, Velma met De Valera. "A slight figure in a heavy military coat, a determined expression, than tightly-shut lips... his eyes glowed strong, hard, and fanatical." Hearing who the prisoner was, he "shot a bony hand across to where I was and I saw that this man was a zealot first and foremost, a man of the stuff of which martyrs are made."

The crystal showed De Valera about to claim his final triumph, when it was snatched from his hands at the last moment. It showed him beaten, with his quondam friends in high places against him.

"Then," writes Velma, "I saw a great meeting, at which were strangers, evidently of another people, and the President was there also. And old man pointed to a little map on a wall, and I saw when the map got bigger that it was a map of Ireland, and a line, heavily drawn separated the North from the South. It was about this line that the meeting talked, and all ended in hopeless confusion."

"The next pictures portrayed crowds of people, grouped excitedly together watching figures posted up—an election. Almost every time I saw the figures posted up—an election. Almost every time I saw the figures posted up the President's face appeared against the top row of figures. Defeated in war, he was winning in peace!"

"Then I saw another picture of the assembly, I had seen before, and this time the seat of authority was occupied by the President and the seats behind him were packed by his supporters. The next picture showed the entry of a new set of people who carried a banner, which, when I examined it closely, was a map of the Northern section of Ireland, and these took an oath to the President, amidst universal cheering."

"The last picture I saw was a great concourse of people waiting for the arrival of some great personage outside a palace. Presumably a procession came along, cheer after cheer ascended as a state coach threaded its way along to the entrance of the palace. In the coach were two people. One wore the uniform of a field-marshal—the other a king. Sitting beside him was a gentleman in ordinary clothes, his grave face, so perfectly composed as he raised his eyebrows frequently to the admiring throng—it was the President."

The Duchess of York at the Hatfield Elizabethan pageant. "I am going to have the hands for me read. The line of life, which on both hands, struck and

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Vienna	34.52 1/2
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clear... great capacity for loyalty and affection was indicated... good sense, clear judgment, and strong will-power."

In 1904, Velma was commanded to read the hand of the Tsar. This monarch complained that palmists who read his hand all told a different tale, but all were flattering. Gaining the permission of the Tsar to tell the truth and nothing but the truth, Velma took his hands. "Never shall I forget those hands. As I noted the curious complex character they revealed, I was profoundly thankful that I had permission to speak the truth, and I felt there might be some good reason why my predecessors had taken refuge in flattery—especially if they had to live under his authority."

Velma warned him of misfortunes which would be precipitated by bad advice. Fate decreed for him a violent death.

"We can bear witness," remarked the Emperor to the aide who was called to show the palmist out, "that he is a seer before he is a courtier."

Velma foretold the fate of Lord Carnarvon, and warned him against risking the fire of the dead kings of Egypt. When the body of Tutankhamen was revealed a mark was found on his face. The mark left by the fatal mosquito bite on the face of Lord Carnarvon was in exactly the same position.

Lord Carnarvon's premonitions of evil, Velma's prognostication of occult influences at work through the centuries, and much more in the same strain, provide entertaining reading for the sceptic, and provide food for thought for the students of the mystic.

Jones had a wife who was constantly causing trouble with the neighbours. They had moved several times as a result.

One day, after one of the changes of address, an old friend met him and asked: "Well, Bill, does your wife get along any better with the neighbours now?"

"Quite all right now," Bill replied. "I am pleased to hear she's reformed," said the friend. "Not exactly," Bill said sadly. "She's just the same."

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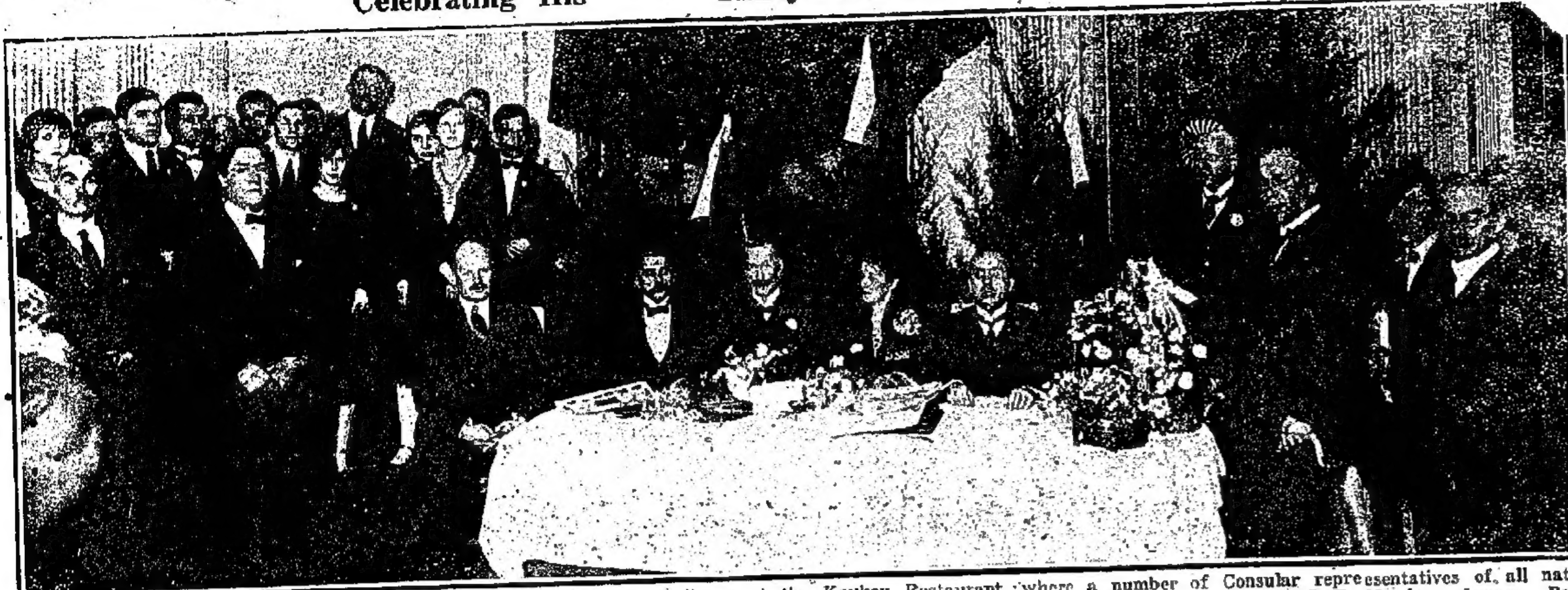
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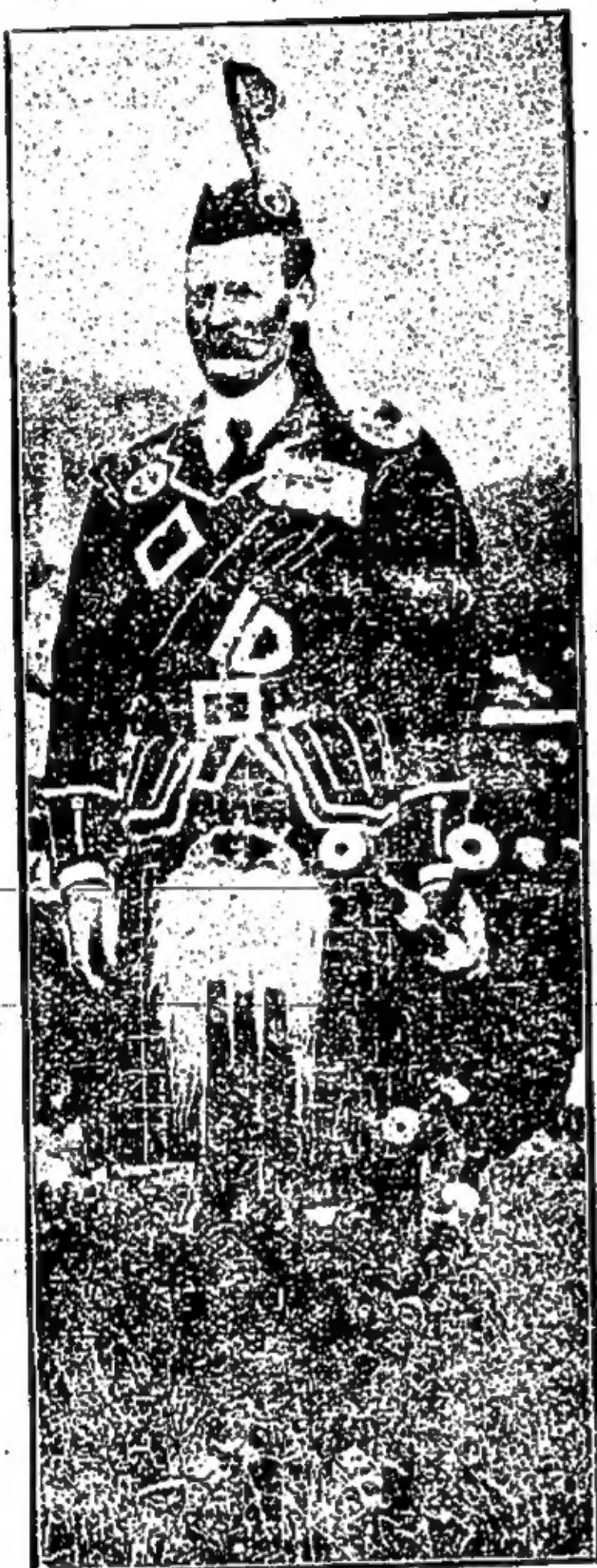
Mr. V. F. Grosse, former Russian Consul-General, gave a dinner at the Kavkaz Restaurant, where a number of Consular representatives of all nationalities were also present. Sitting, left to right: General P. G. Burlin, General M. Dietrichs, Mr. V. F. Grosse, Mme. Grosse, and Mr. C. E. Metzler, former Russian Vice-Consul.—(Ah Fong)

Pope Blesses People



This scene is similar to the one enacted when the Pope appeared on the Vatican balcony and blessed the countless thousands below following the signing of the Papal State pact between the Italian Government and the Pope which restored the sovereignty of the Papal State. This picture, made in 1922, shows the occasion of the first personal appearance of Pope Pius XI. following his election to the office.

King's Piper



Pipe-Major Forsyth of the Buckingham Palace staff, who played Scottish airs outside the King's bedroom every morning, and is now with the King at Bognor.—(Sport and General).

Actress-Beauty Fights for Life



Alma Rubens, whose beauty captured the world, lies fighting for life a shadow of her former self due to the drug habit. Revelations as to the extent to which the drug habit had been carried by Alma Rubens and her desperate battle to hold life and reason have shocked the film world.

St. David's Society Holds Annual Dinner



The annual dinner of St. David's Society of Shanghai, at the Majestic Hotel, proved a most enjoyable function. Songs in Welsh by the Welsh Choir gave a most distinctive touch to the affair and the national toasts of "St. David" and "The Prince of Wales" were proposed and duly honoured in addition to that of "The King." Mr. Eric Davies, President of the Society, and Mrs. Davies received the guests, supported by Mr. K. E. Newman, Vice-President.—(Ah Fong). Jack Sharkey, the Boston battler, enjoying the milder sport of golf on the Bay Shore Golf Club course.

Born After Mother's Death



Unique in the experience of medical science was the birth of this tot five minutes after its mother had died in a hospital. A caesarian operation brought the baby safely into the world.

Governor of Alaska



George A. Parks, Governor of Alaska, who in making his report to Secretary of the Interior Roy O. West, painted a picture of a new Alaska.

War Aces Form Backbone of Progress



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RADIO TOPICS

IN CANADA

POSSIBILITY OF B.B.C. PROGRAMMES BEING RELAYED

London, Mar. 5.
The Royal Commission appointed by the Canadian Government to make recommendations regarding Canadian broadcasting has returned to Canada after having spent a month in London and having visited Geneva, Berlin, the Hague, Brussels and Paris.

On its return to Canada, where at present radio broadcasting is carried on almost entirely by private enterprise the Commission will confer with Provincial authorities of every Province.

It is stated that the German policy of decentralizing control of radio programmes and the high standard of public service maintained by the British Broadcasting Corporation particularly impressed the Royal Commission.

Sir John Aird, the Chairman of the Commission, stated in an interview that whatever policy on broadcasting is recommended by the Commission, whether under private enterprise or State ownership, the Commissioners are hopeful by the time a chain of powerful stations is built across Canada it will be possible to arrange a regular weekly programme of British broadcasting for Canadian listeners.—British Wireless Service.

WIRELESS IN CHINA

Peking, March 6.—Radio broadcasting in China, long held up by the opposition of various factional governments, is now being developed rapidly by the Kuomintang (Nationalist Party). The leaders at Nanking appear fully aware of the fact that the radio may be one of the most powerful forces in the education of the Chinese masses.

Reports from several parts of the country state that broadcasting stations are being built, and that the people are being encouraged to buy receiving sets wherever they can afford to do so.

At present, not one person in a thousand can afford even the cheapest set, but hundreds—gathered around the shops which have installed sets, to listen to any programmes which are broadcast.

Nanking itself is the centre of the broadcasting campaign. Up to this time, the emphasis has been upon propaganda rather than entertainment, and the programmes maintain a deadly seriousness which might prove fatal in any country. It is believed likely that an effort to lighten the programmes will soon be made.

Weekly Memorial Services

The chief functions at Nanking including the weekly memorial services for the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, are now regularly broadcast, and are picked up and relayed by subordinate stations in several provinces. Chiang Kai-shek, chairman of the central government, Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, and other notables speak regularly over the radio to a growing audience.

Until the Nationalists gained control of the country, it was illegal to own even receiving sets in the country, and it is only recently that regulations have been promulgated governing the use of sets. These regulations are similar to those in western countries which require licences for receiving sets.

A recent report from Kaifeng, the ultra-conservative capital of Honan province, states that a broadcasting station is being erected there, under the patronage of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang. Regular programmes are to be sent out, some of them relayed from Nanking and Shanghai while the station also will be used to issue orders to remote sections of the province. A class of radio operators has been studying for several weeks, and the students are expected to be competent by the time the stations are completed.

So little entertainment is provided as yet by the government broadcasting stations in China that owners of receiving sets are turning more and more to Russia and Japan for amusement. It is quite easy to pick up Harbin, Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Tokyo, and Osaka stations in Peking and other Chinese cities, and as these programmes consist largely of music, they can be appreciated by the Chinese.

The prediction that ordinary receiving sets will be enabled to "get" American programmes in a year or two has aroused great interest among foreigners in China, who often own sets, but have been limited to neighbouring countries bordering the Pacific. If this prediction is realised, it is believed every foreigner or foreign-educated Chinese in this country will provide himself with a set.—"Philippine Herald."

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on 350 metres.

5.30-6.30 p.m.—Programme of Chinese (Beka Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. The Canton Trading Association).

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Columbia Records supplied through the courtesy of Messrs. Anderson Music Co.)

"Lucky Girl," Selection, Jack Payne and the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

"Good Little, Bad Little You" and "Just A Night For Meditation," Ukulele. Ike (Cliff Edwards).

"Rambling Along The Highway" and "I Just Roll Along, Having My Ups And Downs" (from "Clowns In Clover"), Baritone, Jack Hulbert.

"Roses Of Yesterday" (Berlin) and "Old Man Sunshine" (Warren), Comedienne, Norah Blaney.

"Hear Dem Bells" (Negro Spiritual), "(a) I See My Love At the Window" and "(b) Calliope," Lions Quartette Of Seattle.

"The Celtic Suite" (Foulds), The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

No. 1 The Clans.

No. 2 The Lament.

No. 3 The Call.

"Cleopatra—Triumphal March" (Mancinelli), The Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

"Oh Kay!", Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Company.

"Girl Friend" (Selection), Piano-forte Solo, Billy Mayerl.

"Silent Noon" and "Peace," Baritone, J. Dele Smith.

"Gipsy Suite" (E. Gorman), The Plaza Theatre Orchestra.

No. 1 Valse (Lonely Life).

No. 2 Allegro (The Dance).

"Thousand And One Nights Waltz" (Strauss) and "Freuet Euch Des Lebens, Waltz" (Strauss), Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra.

"The Devout Lover" and "She Is Farm-From The Land," Baritone, Edgar Coyle.

"Wiener Blut, Waltz" (Strauss) and "Roses Of The South, Waltz" (Strauss), Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra.

"O Loveliness, Beyond Compare," Tenor.

"O Voice Of Magic Melody" (Mozart), (from "Magic Flute"), Heddle Nash.

"Wine, Women And Song, Waltz" and "Kiss," Waltz, Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra.

"The Presentation Of Prizes" (MacLennan), Burlesque Recital by William McCulloch.

"Song Of The Sea," Selection, His Majesty's Theatre Orchestra.

"Evening Bells" and "Serenade," Don Cossacks Choir.

10.10 p.m.—News Bulletin.

"The Movements In Symphonic Form" (A Completion Of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony), (Frank Merrick), The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

1. Scherzo.

2. Poco Allegro.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

FAMOUS SINGER

SAYS WIRELESS IS SPOILING CONCERTS

"Wireless, I think, has stopped people from going to concerts. Why should they come out when they can sit at ease at home and listen?" says Mr. Ben Davies, the well-known singer, in the "Star."

"They do not get as good music, of course, because if the violins are heard well the instruments at the back are not heard in proper proportion, and if the trombones are predominant they drown the rest."

"But it may be that these wireless concerts will educate the public taste gradually. Perhaps there will grow up an appreciation of music which will tend to make people want to go to the big halls to hear the real thing."

"The gramophone, on the other hand, had definitely improved the standard of musical taste. This, I think, is because one can get whole operas beautifully recorded, and put them on just when one wants them, over and over again."

"I'm glad I'm a singer," added Mr. Davies. "It is fine to be able to sing, you know. It makes you feel fit. Why, if I get up in the morning feeling out of sorts I sing for a quarter of an hour and—I'm as right as rain."

Leeds University students have promised to give £10 each as soon as possible after "going down" towards the cost of a £50,000 new union building.

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VEYED BY BIG AND BAFFLING PROBLEM

Washington, March 9.

Members of the Federal Radio Commission are being vexed by the problem of distributing 40 short-wave radio channels to the press because of the fact that the Associated Press, one of the applicants for such a channel, is unwilling to form a subsidiary public utility company as the Commission requires.

Other applicants have already formed such companies.

President Karl Bickel of the United Press addressed the Commission to-day, declaring that he wants the Associated Press to have such channels as do other news agencies and newspapers. He said he is, however, unwilling that the Associated Press should be granted any special privileges.

The United Press is willing to operate under the public utility provision or without such provision, as the Commission may see fit, Bickel said.

"There are no circumstances of any character in America," said Bickel, "that permit of the suggestion that there be any special or privileged press associations."

TANK-TO-TANK TALK

ORDERS BY WIRELESS

"The Daily Telegraph" Military Correspondent writes:—

The new military experiments planned for this year are to go further than the formation of the two "Experimental Infantry Brigades" at Aldershot and Tidworth, mixed infantry and light tanks. Each of the existing battalions of the Royal Tank Corps—which are outside the scope of this experiment—is also to be the focus of a new development. As I announced on Dec. 31, giving further details on Feb. 2, the medium tank battalions at Aldershot and Catterick are to try a mixed composition of medium and light tanks.

This leaves, but one battalion, the 5th, at Tidworth, in its original state as a "heavy punch," composed solely of the now familiar Vickers medium tanks. But "internally" this battalion will undergo a change that is perhaps the most far-reaching of all the new developments of 1929. Wireless research has now reached a point which enables a big jump to be made—that of equipping each one of the forty-eight tanks in this battalion with radio-telephony, so that they can talk to each other in battle.

This promises an incalculable advance towards solving the difficult problem of controlling such a large number of these fighting machines, and may enable them to work together on the battlefield like a football team on the playing-field. For, even if the full potential value is not realised in practice, no team works so perfectly on the football field as it should in theory, not even in American football, with its elaborate system of signals.



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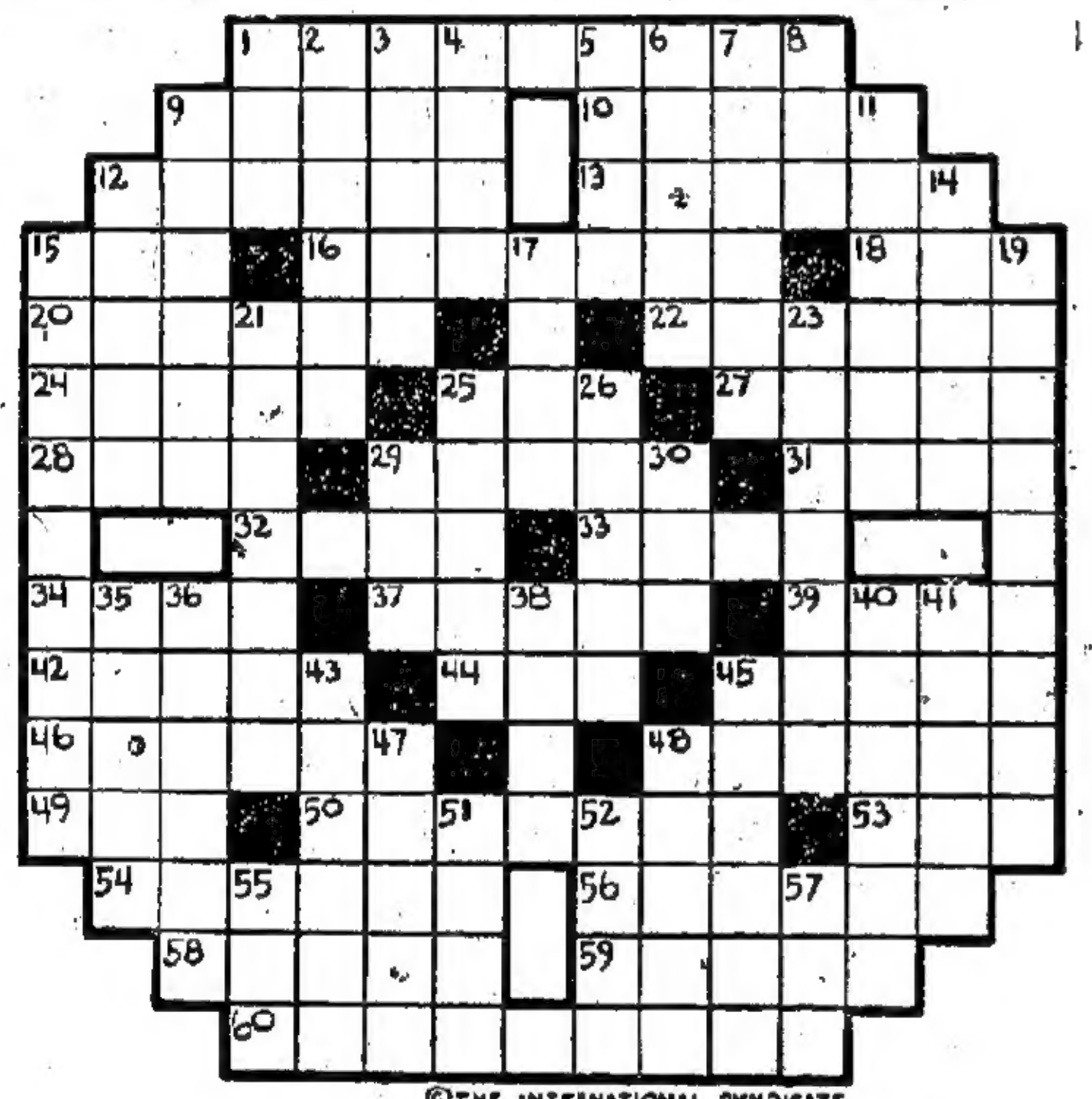
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look-out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Idiot's name
- 2—Slaughter (pl.)
- 3—Yearly income (French)
- 10—Nettle-rash
- 12—Hunting dog
- 13—To recall in the form of an idea
- 15—Mineral spring
- 16—Inspirit
- 18—Clear
- 20—Husbandman
- 22—A long step
- 24—Bury
- 25—By way of
- 27—Preserves
- 28—Early Central American tribe
- 29—Disposed to thwart
- 31—Nothing but
- 32—A claw
- 33—To lodge
- 34—Theater box
- 37—Wild animal
- 39—Give forth
- 42—Cease
- 44—Spanish title

VERTICAL

- 1—Encountered
- 2—Part of a flower
- 3—Giddy
- 4—Italian for "evening"
- 5—Young girl
- 6—Travellers on horseback
- 7—Occurrences
- 8—Billow
- 9—Real estate
- 11—Endeavor
- 12—Latin for "spine"
- 14—Duck
- 15—Encourage
- 17—Bar
- 18—Those who abscond from duty
- 21—Thinnest
- 23—Instruments for forceful driving
- 25—Sound
- 26—Large city of N. E. Ohio
- 28—Protective cloth
- 30—There
- 35—Elliptical objects
- 36—Pungent plant
- 38—Beverage
- 40—Unmarried women
- 41—Elephant's tusk
- 42—The ankle
- 43—More profound
- 44—Promises to pay
- 45—A kind of thread
- 51—Auction
- 52—Upper room
- 53—Period of time
- 57—Residence (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still other words crossing them, and so on.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

WIRELESS LICENCE

NO REDUCTION CONTEMPLATED IN GREAT BRITAIN


Sir William Mitchell-Thomson (Postmaster-General) told Lieut-Colonel Howard-Bury (U. Chelmsford) in the House of Commons on February 7 that he could not see his way to reduce the wireless licence from 10s. to 7s. 6d. He shared the view, expressed by the Crawford Committee, that a fee of 10s. which was equivalent to 1d. for three days' programmes, was not unreasonable, and he did not propose to recommend a reduction.

A large portion of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board's repair shed at West Float, Birkenhead, has been destroyed by a fire.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



A model of a three-decker battleship, built and contained in a bottle, is being conveyed by the White Star liner "Majestic" from Southampton to New York. It is for an American collector of antiques.



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LIST OF VESSELS EXPECTED TO BE IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION WITH HONG KONG TO-DAY.

Dalbuschi Maru, Shidzuoka Maru, Jutland, Kutsang, Cheneceux, President Grant, General Metzinger, Nigpo, Tenyo Maru, St. Albans, Cheneceux, Empress of France, Mantua, Ermland, President Jefferson, Haining, Szechuen, Prominent, and President Johnson.

INWARD MAILS.

From	TUESDAY, MARCH 26.	Per
Shanghai	General Metzinger	
Shanghai and Amoy	Nigpo	
Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.	
London, 7th and 8th March	Tenyo Maru	
Japan	St. Albans	
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	
Swatow	Van Heutz	
THURSDAY, MARCH 28.		
Saigon	Cheneceux	
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of France	
Europe via Suez, (letters & papers), London, 28th Feb., & Parcels, 21st Feb.	Mantua	
FRIDAY, MARCH 29.		
Shanghai	Malwa	
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	President Lincoln	
Straits	Lahore	
Straits	Tilawa	
SATURDAY, MARCH 30.		
Japan	Canada Maru	

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	TUESDAY, MARCH 26.	Per
Amoy	Szechuen	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong So	4 p.m.
Manila	President Grant	4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jebben	4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kwongsang	5 p.m.
Japan	Benrooch	5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27.		
Haiphong	Song Bo	8.30 a.m.
Straits	Seistan	1.30 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tijmanoeck	2.30 p.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 28.		
Holhow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutz	11 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Cheneceux	12.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, April 26, K.P.O. Parcels (March 28) 4.30 p.m., Registration (March 30) 9 a.m. Letters (March 30) 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels (March 29) Noon. Registration (March 30) 9.45 a.m. Letters (March 30) 10.30 a.m.	Malwa	
FRIDAY, MARCH 29.		
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Mantua	10.30 a.m.
* Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 18th April. Parcels 11 a.m. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters Noon. St. Albans		

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

NEW AIR SERVICE TO INDIA

OFFICIAL REPLY

OUTSTANDING POINTS SATISFACTORILY SETTLED

WHAT AIR MINISTER HOPES

London, Yesterday.
Replying to a question in Parliament, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, said the few minor outstanding points between the British Government and the Italian Government in connection with the projected air service to India had been satisfactorily settled and he hoped the service would be inaugurated before the end of this month over the route originally contemplated. — British Wireless Service.

Six Days for 5,000 Miles

Antipodes, Later.
One of the most vital links in the Empire air-chain, the stage from England to India, is to be put into regular operation on Saturday, March 30. New aeroplanes and flying-boats have been obtained and pilots engaged. Harbours for air-boats and landing-grounds for aeroplanes have been chosen. Wireless stations have been installed.

This 5,000-mile England-India air-line will be the longest organised flying route in the world. The provisional time-table, as now drawn up for the departure of the first aeroplane from London for Karachi is as follows:—

Croydon, Saturday	5.45 a.m.
Paris	8.15 a.m.
Bale, Switzerland	12 noon
Genoa, Italy, Sunday	2.40 a.m.
Rome	9.40 a.m.
Syracuse, Sicily	2.45 p.m.
Navarino, Greece, Monday	9.45 a.m.
Tobruk	8.00 a.m.
Alexandria, Egypt, Tuesday	9.45 a.m.
Gaza, Palestine	2.40 p.m.
Ramleh, Syria, Wednesday	8.45 a.m.
Baghdad, Iraq	12 noon
Basra, Iraq	3.45 a.m.
Bushire, Persia, Thursday	5.40 a.m.
Lingeh, Persia	10.15 a.m.
Jask, Persia	1.20 p.m.
Gwadar, Baluchistan, Friday	6.05 a.m.
Karachi, India	10.30 a.m.

The night stage between Bale and Genoa will be accomplished by railway in a sleeping-car train. Between Genoa and Alexandria large all-metal flying-boats will be employed. The other stages will be flown in big three-motored land-planes.

The total time for the 5,000-mile journey by aeroplane, flying-boat, and train will be 6 days 4 1/2 hours, as compared with about 15 days by existing routes. The total time spent in the air will be 52 hours.

The new service will be operated once a week in each direction at first. It will make it possible for business men in London to send a letter to India and obtain a reply in about the time now necessary for a letter to cover the journey in one direction.

Australia in A Week

It is expected that the passenger fare will be about £120. The first saloon fare by boat varies from £75 to £95, according to the type of cabin, and the second saloon from £57 to £63. Letters will probably be carried at an "air express" sur-

YUNNAN'S OPIUM

ABUNDANT CROP OF POPPY THIS YEAR

NO SNOW — BUT RAIN

Yunnanfu, March 18.
The poppy (opium) crop is very abundant in this district of Yunnan province this year. No doubt somebody will "reap" the benefit.

Two substantial falls of rain last week saved the situation for the crops as the drought had become serious. No snow has fallen during the winter, and the farmers were faced with ruin when the rain came. The price of rice has fallen from \$7 to \$5.50, the reduction being a great relief to the people.

Exchange is appalling, however, making business very difficult. The rate is now over 800 on French piastres.

MOTOR RECORD

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL'S AFRICAN ATTEMPT

GOVERNMENT HELP

Cape Town.—The Cabinet has decided to assist financially in clearing the track on the dried lake—Verenuek Pan—some four hundred miles up country, where Captain Campbell will make an attempt to beat the world's motor speed record. The Cabinet is giving £500, which, with a similar sum voted by the R.A.C. of South Africa, places one thousand sterling at Captain Campbell's disposal.

The Cabinet's decision is regarded here as important, not only financially, but also because it sets the seal of Government approval and encouragement on Captain Campbell's venture. The suggestion that the Government should contribute was originally made by the Nationalist organ, "One Vaderland," which, in a leading article, welcomed the famous motorist, pointing out the publicity value of his visit to South Africa.

The Royal Welsh Agricultural Show will be held at Pontcanna Farm, Cardiff, on August 7, 8, and 9.

The salary of the clerk of the Lewisham borough council (Mr. J. W. Shuter), for twenty-seven years in the service of the council, has been increased from £1,320 to £1,500 a year.

charge of about 9d. or 1s. a letter.

Arrangements are being made to continue the Empire air-route across India to Calcutta, and thence via Singapore to Australia. An African air-line to and from Cape Town will connect with the main Empire route at Cairo.

A time-table has already been drafted, which shows that it should be possible for urgent mails to be air-borne from London to Melbourne, Australia, by a day-and-night relay system, in not more than 6 days 11 hours. Such a service right across the British Empire can be brought into being within the next few years.

STORMY POLITICS IN JAPAN

CABINET ON TOP

NUMBER OF MOST IMPORTANT BILL SHELVED

RESIGNATION FORECAST

Tokyo, Yesterday.
After one of the stormiest sessions on record, in which the Government's life appeared seriously endangered more than once, the sixth session of the Diet ended shortly before midnight.

Though the Government weathered the storm a number of its most important Bills was shelved, including the Tax Transfer Bill, which was severely attacked on the grounds, inter alia, that its passage would entail the removal of an important source of revenue—129,000,000 Yen annually—at the time when the country faces the prospect of a huge naval replacement programme, both capital ships and auxiliaries, on the expiration of the Washington Agreement.

Though many observers predict that the Government, owing to the shelving of the Bills, will quit office before the summer, the Cabinet, it is reported, has decided to remain in power, in which case it will probably carry out reorganization before long.—Reuter.

CAR TAX CHANGE

HOME PLANS FOR BIG REDUCTION

MAY BE IN BUDGET

There is reason to believe, writes a political correspondent at Home, that Mr. Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and his advisers are exploring the possibility of important changes in motor taxation in the coming Budget.

It was stated in mail week that trade experts had been consulted as to the effect on the motor industry of some such step as a 50 per cent. reduction in the horsepower tax, with an addition to the petrol tax to make up the deficiency.

Trade authorities state that the first effect of this change in taxation would be to encourage British firms to build motor-cars of higher power for export to countries where high engine power is necessary. American cars lead in the race for sales abroad by reason of their greater horse-power.

Further it would remove the present handicap on the sale of used cars of considerable power.

A change of the kind suggested would meet the views of the motor-organisations, which have been pressing for the removal of the tax on the car and its restoration to the petrol.

Mr. Churchill, it is predicted, will find his opportunity of taxation relief very limited, as it is expected that the accounts for this year will not do more than balance, even though a deficit may be avoided.

FRAUD ON DEALER

PAID WITH FORGED \$100 & \$10 NOTES

Yung Yau-wun, manager of the Kwong Loong Fat import-export firm, of No. 175, Wing Lok street, reported to the Police yesterday, that he had been defrauded on the previous night by two men who passed a number of forged bank notes in payment for goods purchased.

The men called at about 9.15 p.m. on Sunday after having made previous arrangements to purchase 20 cetties of ginseng for \$1,012. They took delivery of the goods on Sunday night, and in payment tendered ten \$100 notes, one \$10 note, and two \$1 notes, which were accepted.

When Yung took the notes to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank yesterday, all the \$100 notes and the \$10 bill were pronounced to be forgeries.

Paris, Yesterday.—Rumours of alleged riots in Syria are thoroughly untrue. All is calm there.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

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